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Docket Number: 49165

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: J. Wengel et al.

Serial Number: 09/152,059

Art Unit: 1634

Filed: September 11, 1998

Examiner: J. Riley

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel the following claims without prejudice for the sole purpose of reducing initial filing fees: claims 2-14, 17, 19-28, 30-31, 33-49, 51-59, 61-68, 71, 73-82, 84-91, 94-95, 97, 99-100, 105-108, 111-114, 116-127, 133, 136, 138 and 140.

**REMARKS**

A Power of Attorney is enclosed herewith for the undersigned. In accordance with that Power, please address all future correspondence for the present application to the undersigned at the below-listed address.

For the sole purpose of reducing initial filing fees, the following claims have been cancelled without any type of prejudice or disclaimer: claims 2-14, 17, 19-28, 30-31, 33-49, 51-59, 61-68, 71, 73-82, 84-91, 94-95, 97, 99-100, 105-108, 111-114, 116-127, 133, 136, 138 and 140. Applicants reserve the right to re-present any or all of these claims during prosecution.

Applicants also wish to re-confirm the withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement dated 3/18/99, which withdrawal was noted in paper no. 4, dated 6/04/99.

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